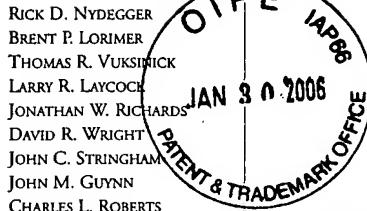


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TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

— Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

— To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

— Set of _____ (____) sheets of drawings containing Figures _____ including the proposed amendments therein; and

— A duplicate set of the _____ (____) sheets of drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

— To render the transmitted Amendment “ ” and Response timely filed enclosed are the following:

— Petition for a -Month Extension of Time; and

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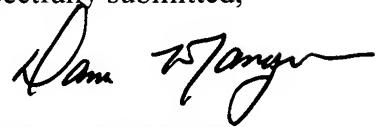
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Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.